

(appeals to national transportation safety board) and title XI (marine safety) from the bill. **Pages H2725–27**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2736**

H. Res. 1126, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. **Page H2737**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, April 25th, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29th, for morning hour debate. **Page H2737**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 30th. **Page H2737**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 1148, providing additional amounts for the expenses of the select committee established under House Resolution 611. **Page H2737**

Commission on Wartime Contracting—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Dean G. Poppo of Virginia to the Commission on Wartime Contracting. **Pages H2751–52**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2661, 2666, and H2748.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 77 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 2324 and S. 1315 were held at the desk. **Page H2756**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on Pages H2732–33, H2733, H2735, and H2735–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BIOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES AND THREATS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Biological Countermeasures and Threats. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Darrell Galloway, Director, Joint Science and Technology Office, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; MG Stephen

Reeves, USA, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense; Tony Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; and Michael Kilpatrick, M.D., Deputy Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research Development Authority, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

SOCIAL SCIENCE'S NATIONAL SECURITY ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the role of the social and behavioral sciences in national security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Martin Schweitzer, USA, Commander, 4th Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg; and Andre van Tilborg, Deputy Under Secretary (Science and Technology); Mark Weiss, Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, NSF and a public witness.

CHILD ABUSE; TEEN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS DECEPTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Child Abuse and Deceptive Marketing by Residential Programs for Teens. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Kay Brown, Director, Workforce and Income Security; and Greg Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and public witnesses.

FDA GLOBALIZATION ACT/FOOD—COSMETIC PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act, food provisions. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sundlof, D.V.M., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC/HOUSING RESCUE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began markup of the following bills: H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008; H.R. 5829, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008.

Will continue April 30.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAR POWERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Executive Branch Perspective. Testimony was heard from Richard F. Grimmett, Specialist in International Security, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and the following former officials of the Department of State: Brian Atwood, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stephen G. Rademaker, U.S. Assistant Secretary, Arms Control.

U.S. SYRIA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy and the Road to Damascus: Who's Converting Whom? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. EXPORT PROMOTION STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on U.S. Export Promotion Strategy. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses,

HOMELAND SECURITY REFORM. LOCAL NEEDS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Evolving the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to Better Serve State, Local and Tribal Needs." Testimony was heard from Matthew Bettenhausen, Executive Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of California; Juliette Kayyem, Under Secretary, Homeland Security, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5593, Congressional Review Act Improvement Act; and H.R. 4004, amended, To amend the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act to exempt from the means test in bankruptcy cases, for a limited period, qualifying reserve-component members who, after September

11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 60 days.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3639, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and H. R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Scott of Virginia; Kenneth McDermond, Deputy Regional Director, California and Nevada Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; William F. Broglie, Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 859, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 3227, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act; and H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington, Miller of North Carolina, Turner and Salazar; Mitch Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, John L. Nau, III, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

D.C. DISTRICT ATTORNEY ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 1296, District of Columbia District Attorney Establishment Act. Testimony was heard from Eugene Boyd, Analyst, Federalism and Economic Development Policy, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

ELIMINATING SMOKE AND MIRRORS IN THE MAIL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and

the District of Columbia also held a hearing entitled "Eliminating Smoke and Mirrors in the Mail." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; and Mary Anne Gibbons, General Counsel; Dan Blair, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

NASA'S INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's International Space Station Program: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from William Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, NASA; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Edward P. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY'S AVIATION SECURITY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Aviation Security Research and Development at the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Susan Hallowell, Director, Transportation Security Laboratory; and Adam Tsao, Chief of Staff, Office of Operational Process and Technology, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES' ECONOMIC STIMULATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Role of Small Businesses in Stimulating the Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHWAY FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Freight Movement from Origin to Destination. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS CLAIMS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs approved for full action the Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008.

BRIEFING—SPECIAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Special Program.

The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FY 2009 BUDGET—SPECIAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AND RECORD GAS PRICES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Pumping up Prices: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Record Gas Prices." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WOMEN: MIGRATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine women, migration and development in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the impact of migration on family and society, the special concerns of migrant women of color, and the economic contributions of women migrants to their home countries through remittances, after receiving testimony from Manuel Orozco, Inter-American Dialogue, and Susan Martin, Georgetown University Institute for the Study of International Migration, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D487)

H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States. Signed on April 23, 2008. (Public Law 110-203)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees, 9 a.m., SR-222.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.